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SUBJECT: PARIS PERCEPTION OF PORTUGUESE SITUATION

REF: LISBON 209

1. QUAI SOUTHERN EUROPE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GELADE
TOLD EMBOFF JANUARY 15 THAT GOF, WHILE REMAINING
GENERALLY CONCERNED REGARDING PORTUGUESE POLITICAL
SITUATION, NOT EXPECTING COUP D'ETAT OR OTHER RADICAL
RESULT FROM CURRENT LABOR LAW CONTROVERSY IN LISBON.
FRENCH CHARGE IN LISBON NOT KEEPING QUAI UP TO DATE ON
LATEST DEVELOPMENTS BUT HAD BEEN CONCERNED BY CON-
SEQUENCES OF POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL FROM GOVERNMENT

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BY SOCIALISTS AND POPULAR DEMOCRATS. FRENCH CHARGE IN
LISBON SAID SUCH RESTRICTIONS WOULD DANGEROUSLY
STRENGTHEN COMMUNISTS AND THEIR FRIENDS WITHIN
ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (AFM, ACCORDING TO GELADE. HE
ADDED THAT UNITARY LABOR LAW ITSELF GREATLY STRENGTHENS
COMMUNISTS BUT REPRESENTS PRIMARILY COMMUNIST PARTY
(PCP) PREPARATION FOR WEAK SHOWING IN FORTH-COMING
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ELECTIONS(WHICH GOF EXPECTS).

2. GELADE'S OWN ANALYSIS IS THAT REALLY DECISIVE
POLITICAL ARENA IS AFM ITSELF. VARIOUS TENDENCIES
ARE REPRESENTED IN AFM AND GELADE CAUTIONS AGAINST
OVERSIMPLIFICATION OF DIVIDING ITS MEMBERS INTO
PRO-COMMUNIST AND ANTI-COMMUNIST FACTIONS. HE
CONCLUDES THAT SUCH A DIRECT ECONFRONTATION MAY
EVENTUALLY COME BUT IS NOT LIKELY TO ARISE IN THESE
COMING DAYS.
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